

SALEM CITY PRESSURIZED IRRIGATION WATERING RESTRICTIONS

June, 2008

Salem City would like to thank its residents and businesses for their wise use of our water resources. The Pressurized Irrigation Project that has been under construction for the last year is now available for use. This system services most of the City.

Areas above the Highline Canal are not serviced by the current system. There are also areas on the out-skirts of the City that are not served by the current system. We are planning to service these areas in the future. These areas will be served as growth and development take place.

As part of the funding requirements for this project, the City has adopted an ordinance which prohibits outdoor watering between the hours of **10:00 am and 6:00 pm**. This applies to the drinking water system and the pressurized irrigation system. The purpose of this restriction is to avoid watering during the hottest parts of the day and to minimize evaporation. This is not a temporary or seasonal restriction. This restriction applies every day all year round from this time forth.

The only exceptions are for the watering of newly-planted grass, short cycles necessary for inspecting and maintaining irrigation systems, and other situations specifically authorized by Salem City. Violation of this ordinance is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Salem City drinking water rates will remain unchanged until July 31, 2008 to allow residents time to connect to the new system. On August 1, 2008, the drinking water system rates will be changed to encourage pressurized irrigation use. Areas not serviced by the current system will be on a different rate structure than those areas with service. Many are already connected to the new Pressurized Irrigation System. Your diligence is greatly appreciated.

Salem City is still purchasing Salem Canal Water Shares for \$1,000 per share. We need this water to put into the system. Thank you to those who have sold their water to the City. This is the key to keeping all our water rates as low as possible.

We are also able to deliver Strawberry Water through the system. For those citizens who have Strawberry Water on your land or lots, please be patient. This process will take some time to work out. We are preparing the necessary

paperwork and will be sending a representative to discuss this with each of you personally.

For those connecting to the new pressurized irrigation system, please remember to call Salem City (423-2770) and schedule an inspection prior to burying your disconnection from the drinking water system and your connection to the irrigation system. This is to ensure that there are no physical cross connections. Cross connections are a serious contamination threat and are not allowed and are a violation of the above referenced ordinance and are also a Class B Misdemeanor.

Thank you for interest in Salem City.